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Republican State Convention To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania

I am directed by the Republican State Committee to announce that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in convention at the Majestic Theatre in the city of Harrisburg, on Wednesday, June 16, 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices, to wit:

One person for the office of State Treasurer.

One person for the office of Auditor General.

One person for the office of judge of the Supreme Court.

Also for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

In accordance with the rules governing the Republican party in Pennsylvania, the representation in the State convention will be based on the vote polled at the last presidential election; under the rules each legislative district is entitled to one delegate for every two thousand votes cast for the presidential electors in 1908, and an additional delegate for every fraction of two thousand votes polled in excess of one thousand.

By order of the Republican State Committee.

W. R. Andrews, Chairman.

"WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY."

We clip the following from the Scranton Tribune of a recent date, under the heading of "Mr. Ross and the Herald":

The Herald, the Democratic organ of Wayne county, is not satisfied with bossing its own party, but is and has been trying to dictate how the Republican board of county commissioners shall conduct their business in the interests of the Herald. So far as runneth the memory of man, the manager and editor of the Herald have never had a word of commendation for a Republican official or of a Republican who has anything to do with politics. They use rose water for ink when writing of Democrats, but Republican doings are recorded in vitriol. For three years they have repeatedly published misleading articles and absolute falsehoods concerning the present board of county commissioners and their offices, and then as one political leader aptly referred to it, "getting rid of the weeds." The Republican leaders have already "picked their weeds." There will be a weed-picking bee among the Democratic leaders as soon as registrations close.

STATE ELECTION RULES.

Chief Clerk George D. Thorn of the state department, has prepared a pamphlet for the guidance of election officers and politicians during the present year. The following information is given:

Spring primary election, Saturday, June 5; November general election, Tuesday, November 2; last day to be registered for spring primaries in cities of the third class, Saturday, May 15; last day to be assessed for November election, Wednesday, September 1; last day to pay taxes, Saturday, October 2; last day for filing statement of expenses spring primary, Saturday, June 19; last day for filing statement of expenses November election, Thursday, December 2; last day for filing petitions for nomination with the secretary of the commonwealth, Saturday, May 8; last day for filing petitions for nominations with the county commissioners, Saturday, May 15; last day for filing certificates of nomination with the secretary of the commonwealth, Tuesday, September 21; last day for filing nomination papers with secretary of commonwealth, Tuesday, September 28; last day for filing nomination papers with county commissioners, Tuesday, October 12.

ADVANCE sheets of that important publication, The Statistical Abstract of the United States, soon to be issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, contain a great deal that is indicative of the progress and prospects of the country. A feature that will command special attention is the showing of the increase in the national wealth. The aggregate in 1850 was placed at \$7,000,000,000, which had advanced to \$16,000,000,000 in 1860, and, notwithstanding the setback of the costly and bloody Civil War, to \$30,000,000,000 in 1870, going steadily forward until in 1904 it was placed at \$107,000,000,000. The average wealth per capita was \$308 in 1850 and was reckoned at \$1,310 in 1904, and this, too, in the face of extraordinary increase in population. Agriculture of course plays a great part in the national exhibit. The wealth production of the farms, given in the Abstract on the authority of the Department of Agriculture, was in 1897, \$4,250,000,000, and in 1907, \$7,412,000,000. Among the valuable articles produced on the farm are included wheat, of

which the farm value in 1908 was set down at \$617,000,000, a larger sum than in any previous year in the history of our production; cotton, of which the value in 1906, the year of largest valuation, was \$722,000,000; hay, in 1907, \$744,000,000, and corn, in 1908, \$1,616,000,000—these being in all cases values on the farm. Last year's farm products in the United States were officially estimated to be worth \$8,000,000,000.

New Hope for the Convicted.

The new probation act approved by Governor Stuart marks a distinct innovation in the methods of dealing with convicted criminals in Pennsylvania.

First offenders need not be sent to prison, but may be released on probation, subject to such regulations as the court may deem advisable, and if fines have been imposed the money may be paid in installments from the proceeds of useful employment in which the convicted person is engaged while on probation.

Thus not only is opportunity afforded for reform on the part of those who have not become confirmed criminals, but the way is left open for the convicted person to continue to support those dependent on him, while yet under restraint and subject to instant arrest for violating the terms of his probation.

Provision is made also, under the indeterminate sentence plan, for the release of Penitentiary prisoners on parole, after they have served the minimum sentence, and for their absolute pardon as a result of good behavior on parole.

In both features of the new law the incentive to genuine reform is provided for all who are willing to take advantage of it, while the fullest discretion is given to the proper courts and the prison authorities for denying the probation or parole privileges to confirmed and desperate criminals.

The Tustin act looks like a decided step in advance, calculated to deplete the population of jails and penitentiaries and to save many a young person from a life of crime.

ONE of the most excellent products of the recent session of the Legislature is the Wertz act making it a misdemeanor for any person to make, utter, circulate, or transmit false or derogatory statements affecting the solvency or financial standing of any bank, banking house, banking company, title insurance company, or other financial institution, in this Commonwealth. Everybody is more or less familiar with the disastrous results that have sometimes followed the spreading of an utterly unjustifiable rumor concerning the condition of a bank. Every period of financial depression has been marked by one or more such senseless "runs" on perfectly sound institutions. A wild story of that sort usually spreads like wildfire, and oftentimes a mere idle remark will result in great disturbance in the community and actual loss to many innocent persons. Because of the great importance of nipping this sort of thing in the bud, the penalty for starting such stories is fixed at \$5,000 fine and five years at hard labor. That ought to serve as a check on the most malicious or careless tongue, and parties who have been accustomed to permit their tongues to run riot regardless of consequences, will do well hereafter to be careful how they talk of a bank.

A ration is the substance for one person for one day. There are various kinds of rations, and the components vary according to the nature of the duty performed. They are severally known as the garrison ration, the field ration, the haversack ration, the travel ration, the Filipino ration, and the emergency ration. The garrison ration is issued to troops in garrison or in permanent camps; the field ration to troops not in garrison or in permanent camps; the haversack ration to troops in the field in active campaign when transportation is limited; the travel ration to troops traveling otherwise than by marching and separated from cooking facilities; the Filipino ration for use of the Philippine scouts; and the emergency ration to troops in active campaign for use on occasions of emergency.

Not Contagious.

Walter J. Travis, golfing at Rye, sympathized with a friend's story of a drunken caddy.

"It is amazing," said Mr. Travis, "how people with serious responsibility on their shoulders—bushers, engineers, caddies and so on—will get drunk."

"A lady I know," he went on, "came downstairs to see the flowers on the eve of a large dinner, and found her butler staggering about the dining room with red eyes and disordered hair."

"The man dropped a cut glass bowl and laughed and his mistress cried indignantly:

"'Good gracious, Parker, you're drunk!'"

"The butler with a silly smile, said, soothingly:

"'Don't be alarmed, ma'am. It ain't ketchin'.'"—Washington Star.

Another Objection.

"There's one great objection to the flying machine," said Mr. Sirius Barker, "and that's the question of safety appliances."

"It can carry a parachute."

"Yes, but a parachute looks so much like an umbrella that every time you want to use it you're sure to find it has been borrowed."

HARRISBURG LETTER.

May 15, 1909.—In vetoing the bill providing for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the extension to Capitol Park, Governor Stuart undoubtedly felt that he was doing what was the best thing for all the interests concerned. While not committed to the bill he favored its passage and his approval would have been given had there been sufficient revenue in sight to warrant the expenditure, or if the Legislature had passed some new laws which could be depended upon to produce revenue. The appropriation was made to cover five years and not more than half a million could be utilized in any one year. It was understood, however, that two millions would not complete the work. This amount would have been used to purchase the property, raze the houses and other buildings, construct a subway and prepare for the laying out of the grounds. Later on would have come shrubbery, landscape gardening, granolithic walks, fountains, comforts and conveniences, all of which cost money. Probably five millions would have been required before the work was all done.

It was only by the most strenuous and persistent efforts of the last legislature, particularly on the part of the Dauphin county delegation, that the bill got as far as the Governor this time, and having received a knockout blow, it will be a difficult matter to get it that far again. For that reason its promoters hoped the measure would receive the approval of the Governor, even if the appropriation were cut seventy-five per cent. The important thing was to have a good beginning made, and ask the Legislature for funds from time to time to carry on the work. Reluctantly, the Governor withheld his approval from the bill and it fell.

That voluminous curiosity, known as the "School Code" also lacked one vote, that of the Governor. While he would probably have approved it had it been passed in the original form prepared by the Commission appointed for that purpose, it had been so amended, repealed and substituted that the Commission failed to recognize it, and most of them went on record as opposed to the bill. During the last night of the session, it was whipped into form to suit a majority of the Legislature, and passed, an undigested mass. The Governor did the rest, probably without shedding a tear.

With the highway bill the Governor felt differently. This was earmarked as an administration measure, and pressure was brought to secure votes, on that ground. Had the revenue been sufficient this bill would have become a law. Conditions here were the same as with the Park extension bill, for the appropriation provided by this bill was intended for a beginning only. Now a new start must be made.

The rather sudden death of John H. Sanderson on Friday removes the central figure in the prosecutions brought by the State on account of the furnishing of the new Capitol. But two of the original defendants remain, one of whom it was thought would not be able to stand the strain of a trial. It is intimated that civil suit may be brought against Sanderson's estate to recover some of the money received for overcharges.

(To be Continued.)

OBITUARY.

Miss Eliza C. Dimmick, who with her sister, Miss Virginia, were for some years residents of Honesdale, died at her home in Green Ridge, North Scranton, on Sunday evening last, May 16. Miss Dimmick who was a sister of the Hon. Samuel E. Dimmick, of this place, Attorney General under Governor John F. Hartman, was born in Bloomingburg, N. Y., where her father, Alpheus Dimmick, a graduate of Yale College, and a distinguished lawyer, located in 1815, and continued to reside until his death in 1865. After coming to Honesdale Miss Dimmick and her sister made their home for the most part with their cousin, Miss Lavinia Dimmick, in the old homestead of the latter's brother, Hon. W. H. Dimmick, the elder, a former Senator and Congressman from this district, who died in 1861. After Miss Lavinia's death they have ever since resided. Although it is nearly twenty-five years since the Misses Dimmick left Honesdale, recollections of their sojourn among us are still warmly cherished by many of our older citizens, who were wont to regard the gifted sisters as the personification of grace and culture and perfect exemplars of womanly courtesy and dignity. Funeral services were held at the residence in Green Ridge yesterday afternoon, and the remains were brought to Honesdale, reaching here on the 9:45 train this morning for interment in Glen Dyberry cemetery.

Martin Luther Rogers died at th Rogers House, White Lake, N. Y., on Tuesday, April 27, 1909, aged 41 years, 4 months and 18 days, of heart failure, caused by general debility. Deceased, who was a son of John and Sophia T. Rogers, was born in this county, and the family moved to Sullivan county, N. Y., in 1879, and located one mile east of White Lake, where he built the Rogers House in which he died. His father died twelve years ago. His mother survives him, also one brother, John T. Rogers, and three sisters.

—The way to make a good paper of The Citizen is to send in your news items.

LEST WE FORGET

Honesdale at Regular Intervals.

A 35 YEAR GLANCE BACKWARD

What was Doing in Honesdale and Vicinity During the Corresponding Week for Every Five Years Since 1874.

Five years ago:
State bridge over Park Lake at Main street inspected and approved by State officers.

Seelyville Water Co. organized.
Prohibition County Convention in Honesdale. S. A. Tolley and A. V. Tyler nominated for Representatives.

A. T. Searle selected as orator for Memorial Day exercises.
Three arrests of Honesdale merchants for violation of pure food law.

Wm. J. Lane and Miss Susie Bishop married by Rev. T. M. Hanley, in St. John's (R. C.) church.

Sig Sautelle's circus gave two exhibitions—afternoon and evening.

W. B. Holmes appointed trustee of East Stroudsburg State Normal School.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Ethelbert Talbot administered the rite of confirmation to a class in Grace church.

E. E. Reynolds, foreman and manager of the Herald office, left for Brattleboro, Vt.

Hon. Charles A. McCarty started on a business trip to Deadwood, S. D.

Morris Freeman, of Court street, submitted to a second surgical operation.

John J. Skelly, merchant of lower Main street, died.

Honesdale Base Ball Club beat Scranton High School, 14 to 0.

Ten years ago:

The graves of forty-seven veterans to be decorated in Glen Dyberry cemetery on Memorial Day.

The Del. & Hud. Canal announced as a thing of the past.

The amateur performance of "In Brightest America," under the auspices of the Honesdale Improvement Association pronounced a grand success. Net proceeds, \$178.00.

Somebody poisoned T. B. Clark's handsome Irish setter, "Duke."

Wayne Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., instituted in Freedom Hall, with Mrs. Kate Ross as Noble Grand.

First concert on the new band stand in Russell Park, corner of 8th and Court streets.

Prothonotary George A. Smith started on a six week's trip to Porto Rico.

Co. E, inspected by Major W. S. Millar and Col. L. A. Watres, of Scranton.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Atkinson were visitors with Mrs. Atkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dorflinger, in White Mills.

Lieut. Col. Edgar Jadwin, very ill of nervous prostration, came from the hospital in Savannah, Ga., to recuperate at his parents' home in Honesdale.

Fifteen years ago:

Rev. John N. Lewis accepted a call to the pastorate of Grace church, Honesdale. Salary \$1,300 a year.

The choir of St. John's (Catholic) church gave a fine sacred concert, assisted by an orchestra composed of Mrs. L. B. Richtmyer, Miss Nettie Campbell, William Clark, Joseph Caulfield and Charles T. Bentley.

Eliphalet Wood, formerly a resident of Honesdale, died at Saginaw, Michigan, aged 51 years.

Miss Florence Linkey died in Honesdale, aged 28 years. Her death was the first in the membership of the local Epworth League.

Miss Lila Stewart announced rehearsals for the various dances to be given at the Kirmess.

Jennie P. Drake, formerly of Beach Lake, fell dead in the Rathbone House, Elmira, N. Y.

Rev. J. J. Doherty selected to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Honesdale public schools, at St. John's church.

Major George H. Whitney inspected the non-commissioned officers of Co. F, at Hyde Park.

Mrs. Louisa C. Kesler, mother of Dr. James W. Kesler, of Honesdale, died at her home in Wilkes-Barre.

Twenty years ago:

No skating at the Rink on account of Good Friday.

Homer Greene's new story, "The Riverside Rebellion," commenced in serial form in The Youth's Companion.

J. G. Gunn and Ensign Egelston reported to be hopelessly ill.

Little Judson Curtis, of North Main street, had his right elbow dislocated while at play.

L. O. Rose sold his lot on the corner of 14th and Main streets, for \$1,500, to Thomas Crossley.

Alexander Gardner arrested for passing a forged check for \$25 on Charles P. Eldred, purporting to have been signed by Jacob L. Keen, of Canaan.

The wonderful McGibbeny family was the grand attraction at the Opera House.

Fire at Narrowsburg destroyed the three-story hotel at that station, and the handsome residence of the Murray Brothers adjoining. Loss over \$10,000.

Easter service in Grace church announced. Music under the direction of J. J. Curtis, with Miss Blanche Kesler as organist.

Announcement of the opening of the Irving Cliff Hotel. (The building was destroyed by fire the evening designated for the opening.)

Twenty-five years ago:

Election of directors of the Honesdale Building Loan and Savings Association. (Of the fourteen chosen, five are still living.)

For the first time in the history of Honesdale, New York and Philadelphia Sunday dailies reached the borough at ten o'clock on Monday morning. (They now arrive at ten o'clock on the day of publication.)

The D. & H. C. Co. mined 1,214,082 tons of coal for the year just ended, a falling off of nearly 100,000 tons from the previous year.

O'Brien's circus and animal show gave an exhibition in Honesdale.

Prof. J. M. Dolph received an offer to become school superintendent of Port Jervis, and decided to accept at the close of his year's engagement with the Honesdale Graded School.

The Bishop of Pittsburgh confirmed large class in Grace church.

James Foster, of Ohio, was visiting his brother, I. N. Foster, of Church street.

W. J. Tracy and Miss Alice Reed, and John A. Gale and Miss Anna Reed, married by Rev. H. C. Swentzel.

A cyclone at White Mills crashed in the front of E. A. Dorflinger's store, and did other damage.

The barn and most of the contents of Oscar Bunnell's barn, in Texas township, destroyed by an incendiary fire.

Thirty years ago:

S. J. Foster appointed Teller of the Honesdale Bank, vice Frank W. Grennell, dismissed.

Del. & Hud. Canal opened for navigation for the season.

Snowdrifts from six to eight feet high still to be seen in different parts of the county.

New telegraph line between Carbon-dale and Honesdale completed.

Mrs. John Hawker, complaining of not feeling well on Wednesday morning, attempted to rise from her bed and fell back dead.

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Joshua Kellar, a well-known citizen of Texas township, while on his way into town from his home on Union Hill, was run over by the cars at the crossing near St. John's church, and almost instantly killed. The coroner's jury censured the D. & H. C. Co. for not maintaining a watchman at the crossing.

300,000 tons of coal piled at Honesdale.

Carley Brook post office established, with Fred. Brunig as postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barnes, of Colorado, paying a visit to Mrs. Barnes's father, Coe F. Young.

Eben H. Clark, father of Hon. Perry A. Clark, died at his home in Cherry Ridge, from an attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Thirty-five years ago:

The Veselius Trio gave a splendid concert in Liberty Hall.

Methodist ministers of the county attending Wyoming Conference at Wilkes-Barre.

The papers publish bitter personal letters by the parties to the Howe and Pritchett controversy, growing out of the burial of A. C. Howe, by the Odd Fellow Brotherhood.

Lieut. Commander Charles W. Tracy, executive officer of the U. S. Sloop of War "Alaska," sailed with his ship from Key West, Florida, under sealed orders.

Peter S. Barnes ran a raft on a Delaware freshet, from Ten Mile River to Dingman's Ferry, 200 feet long by 60 feet wide, with only one assistant. Said to have been the largest raft ever run on the Delaware by so small a crew.

General search being made for Stephen Jay, aged 74, who left Richard Jay's, in Oregon township, to gather sap, and wandered away into the woods and became lost. The body was found in George Kimble's mill pond.

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